minimise the scope of their subjective interpretation, on the lines of OFCOM/Australian Codes.

3. Examine the need and desirability of introducing a screening/ broadcasting policy to ensure wholesome content for family viewing/ listening.

4. Recommend suitable structure and procedure for self regulation of content by the inudstry and other related matters.

Violation of programme and Advertising Code

538. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether two inter-ministerial Committee appointed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 to look into the violations of Programmes and Advertising Code have since given their reports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps are being taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) The Central Government had earlier constituted two inter-ministerial committees, *i.e.* Programme Committee and Advertising Committee, under Section 20 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 to look into the violation of the Programme Code and Advertising Code. These two Committees have recently been merged into a single Inter-ministerial Committee to look into the violation of the Programme and Advertising Codes. The new Committee comprises of officials from Ministry of I&B, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Defence and a Representative of Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI). The Committee either *suo-moto*, or on receipt of a complaint, examines cases of violation under the Programme Code and Advertising Code. Show cause notices are issued in the first instance to TV channels allegedly or otherwise telecasting objectionable/advertisements in violation of these Codes. In cases, where it is found that such a violation has occurred, TV channels are directed not to telecast/re-telecast these programmes. In some of the cases, warnings are issued. In case of violation of serious nature channels have been asked to withdraw their transmission. This is an on-going process.